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OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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\*/ Chapter XI of the draft report, containing the decisions of the Council, are being issued in DP/L.338 and addenda.

Draft report of the Governing Council on its  
twenty-seventh session

INTRODUCTION

1. The Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) held its twenty-seventh session at the Palais des Nations, Geneva from 2 to \_\_\_ June 1980.
2. The Budgetary and Finance Committee of the Council held meetings between 2 and \_\_\_ June 1980, also at the Palais des Nations to consider financial, budgetary and administrative matters.
3. The Intergovernmental Working Group on Support Costs, under the Chairmanship of Mme. Suzanne Vervalcke (Belgium), with Miss Miriam Al-Avadh (Kuwait) as Rapporteur, convened its fifth session at the Palais des Nations and held meetings between 2 and 16 June 1980 to consider a study by an independent consultant on Agency support costs.
4. In accordance with decisions 79/23 and 79/49, II, the Governing Council also held seven meetings at United Nations Headquarters, New York, between 11 and 20 February 1980 to further review preparations for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, as well as to consider other urgent matters arising out of action taken by the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.
5. In addition, pursuant to decision 79/11 and 79/49, II, the Intergovernmental Study Group on Future Financing of the Programme convened at United Nations Headquarters, New York, and held three meetings between 19 and 20 February 1980 to consider possible options for achieving more stable and predictable financing.

I. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

Attendance

6. Members of the Governing Council represented at the session, States represented by observers, organizations in the United Nations system and other intergovernmental bodies represented at the session, national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity which were represented, as well as other participants at the session, are listed in Annex I to this report.

Election of officers

7. In accordance with rule 11 of its revised Rules of Procedure, the Council, at the opening of its twenty-seventh session, elected by acclamation Mr. Ion Popescu (Romania) as President. The Council later elected the following officers, also by acclamation: Mme. Suzanne Vervalcke (Belgium), First Vice-President; H.E. Dr. Miguel A. Albornoz (Ecuador), Second Vice-President; Mr. Chris Esanami George Jasabe (Sierra Leone), Third Vice-President; and Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin (Bangladesh), Rapporteur.

8. Mme. Vervalcke, First Vice-President, was designated Chairman of the Budgetary and Finance Committee. Miss Miriam Al-Awadhi (Kuwait) was elected Rapporteur of this Committee.

#### Agenda

9. At its 675th meeting, the Council adopted the agenda for the twenty-seventh session as contained in document DP/444. The annotations to the agenda are contained in document DP/445. The Council also approved the proposed organization of work for the session which is contained in document DP/446. A check-list of the documentation issued for the twenty-seventh session is contained in document DP/447.

#### Summary records of meetings

10. The summary records of the meetings of the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council were issued in documents DP/SR.675-\_\_\_.

### II. PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

#### A. Annual report of the Administrator

11. At its 676th meeting, the Council took up item 4 (a) of its agenda, Annual Report of the Administrator. For its consideration of this item, the Council had before it the following documentation:

- (a) Annual Report of the Administrator for 1979 (DP/460 and Corr.1)
- (b) Annual Report of the Administrator for 1979: Basic Programme Data (DP/461)
- (c) Annual Report of the Administrator for 1979: Supplementary Programme Data (DP/462)
- (d) Annual Report of the Administrator for 1979: Subcontracts Awarded and Major Equipment Ordered (DP/463 and Corr.1 (English and Chinese only))
- (e) Implementation by UNDP of General Assembly resolutions concerning assistance to Botswana, Cape Verde, Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Lesotho, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Tonga, Uganda and Zambia, Report of the Administrator (DP/439)
- (f) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Use of Vehicles (DP/423); and
- (g) Comments of UNDP on the JIU Report (DP/423/Add.1).

In addition, under this item the Council's attention was drawn to the following other JIU reports, as well as to the related UNDP comments: Report on the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (JIU/REP/79/5); Report on the Maritime Transport Academy (JIU/REP/79/9); Report on the Arab Planning Institute (JIU/REP/79/8); Report on the African Training and Research Centre (JIU/REP/79/13); Report on the Evaluation of Technical Co-operation Activities of the United Nations

System in Sri Lanka (JIU/REP/79/16); Report on the Commonwealth Caribbean Project for Education and Training of Allied Health Personnel (JIU/REP/79/17); and Report on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (JIU/REP/79/18).

12. The views expressed during the Council's consideration of this item are contained in the following summary records: DP/SR.676-\_\_\_.

13. At its \_\_\_ meeting, on \_\_\_ June 1980, the Council adopted by consensus decision 80/\_\_\_, the text of which appears in Chapter XI of this report.

#### B. Evaluation

14. For consideration of agenda item 4 (b), the Council had before it the following documents:

- (a) Evaluation and related measures for improving the quality of technical co-operation, Report of the Administrator (DP/448)
- (b) FAO/UNDP Evaluation Study on Agricultural Training, Report of the Administrator (DP/452)
- (c) Summary of Study on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, Report of the Administrator (DP/457 and Corr.1)
- (d) A Summary of an Action-Oriented Assessment of Rural Women's Participation in Development, Report of the Administrator (DP/455)
- (e) Evaluation of the global programme, Report of the Administrator (DP/456)

15. The views expressed during the Council's consideration of item 4 (b) are contained in the following summary records: DP/SR.676, \_\_\_.

16. At its 691st meeting the Council decided to refer to the Budget and Finance Committee the financial implications of the recommendations contained in the documentation on evaluation for the Committee's consideration and for the formulation of relevant recommendations to the Council.

17. At its \_\_\_ meeting on \_\_\_ June 1980, the Governing Council adopted decision 80/\_\_\_, the text of which appears in Chapter XI of this report.

#### C. Investment follow-up

18. For consideration of agenda item 4 (c), the Council had before it the following documentation:

- (a) Investment follow-up, Report of the Administrator (DP/442)
- (b) UNDP and Pre-Investment: A study by Sir Robert Jackson (DP/472)
- (c) UNDP comments on the study UNDP and Pre-Investment, Note by the Administrator (DP/479 and Corr.1 (English only)).

19. The views expressed during the Council's consideration of item 4 (c) are contained in the following summary records: DP/SR.676, \_\_\_.

20. At its 691st meeting the Council decided to refer to the Budget and Finance Committee the financial implications of the recommendations contained in the documentation on investment follow-up for the Committee's consideration and for the formulation of relevant recommendations to the Council.

21. At its \_\_\_\_\_ meeting on \_\_\_\_\_ June 1980, the Governing Council adopted decision 80/\_\_\_\_\_, the text of which appears in Chapter XI of this report.

D. UNDP and the New International Economic Order

22. For consideration of item 4 (d) on its agenda, Comprehensive Report to the General Assembly on UNDP and the new international economic order (NIEO), the Council had before it the following document: UNDP and the new international economic order, Report of the Administrator (DP/470).

23. The views expressed during the Council's consideration of this item are contained in the following summary records: DP/SR.676, \_\_\_\_.

24. At its 695th meeting on 17 June 1980, the Governing Council adopted decision 80/11, the text of which appears in Chapter XI of this report.

E. Assistance to national liberation movements  
recognized by the OAU

25. For consideration of agenda item 4 (e), the Council had before it the following document: Assistance to national liberation movements recognized by the OAU, Report of the Administrator (DP/467 and Corr.1 (English only)).

26. The views expressed during the Council's consideration of this item are contained in the following summary records: DP/SR.676, \_\_\_\_.

27. At its \_\_\_\_\_ meeting on \_\_\_\_\_ June 1980, the Governing Council adopted decision 80/\_\_\_\_\_, the text of which appears in Chapter XI of this report.

F. United Nations Decade for Transport and  
Communications in Africa

28. For consideration of agenda item 4 (f), the Council had before it the following document: United Nations Decade for Transport and Communications in Africa, 1978-1988, Report of the Administrator (DP/459 and Corr.1 (English only)).

29. The views expressed during the Council's consideration of this item are contained in the following summary records: DP/SR.676, \_\_\_\_.

30. At its 684th meeting, the Council decided to refer the question to the Working Group on Indicative Planning Figures<sup>1/</sup> for its consideration, and for the formulation of relevant recommendations to the Council.

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<sup>1/</sup> See paragraph \_\_\_\_ below.

31. At its \_\_\_\_\_ meeting on \_\_\_\_\_ June 1980, the Governing Council, on the recommendation of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, adopted decision 80/\_\_\_\_\_, the text of which appears in Chapter XI of this report.

G. Support of the Mar Del Plata Plan of Action

32. For consideration of item 4 (g) of its agenda, the Council had before it the following document: International co-operative action in support of the Mar del Plata Plan of Action, Report of the Administrator (DP/474).

33. The views expressed during the Council's consideration of this item are contained in the following summary records: DP/SR.676, \_\_\_\_.

34. At its \_\_\_\_\_ meeting on \_\_\_\_\_ June 1980, the Governing Council adopted decision 80/\_\_\_\_\_, the text of which appears in Chapter XI of this report.

H. Standardization of development co-operation procedures

35. For consideration of agenda item 4 (h), the Council had before it the following document: Consultations on more uniform or standard procedures to facilitate the administration of development co-operation, Report of the Administrator (DP/468).

36. The views expressed during the Council's consideration of this item are contained in the following summary records: DP/SR.676, \_\_\_\_.

37. At its \_\_\_\_\_ meeting on \_\_\_\_\_ June 1980, the Governing Council adopted decision 80/\_\_\_\_\_, the text of which appears in Chapter XI of this report.